

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FHA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine solvency and reform proposals for the Federal Housing Administration, after receiving testimony from Brian D. Montgomery, Assistant Secretary for Housing, Federal Housing Commissioner, and Kenneth M. Donohue, Inspector General, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; and JoAnne Poole, National Association of Realtors, and John M. Robbins, Mortgage Bankers Association, both of Washington, D.C.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine international food assistance, after receiving testimony from Mark Keenum, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; James Kunder, Deputy Administrator, United States Agency for International Development; James Morris, United Nations World Food Programme, Rome, Italy; Walter Middleton, World Vision International, Federal Way, Washington; Cindy Brown, Chippewa Valley Bean Company, Inc., Menomonie, Wisconsin; Daniel Kuot, Chicago, Illinois; and Abass Mohamed, Princeton, New Jersey.

APPROPRIATIONS: NASA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after receiving testimony from Michael D. Griffin, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEER/DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from John Paul Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and Lieutenant General Carl Strock, Chief of Engineers, both of the Army Corps of Engineers; Robert Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, and

Mark Limbaugh, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, both of the Department of the Interior.

APPROPRIATIONS: INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENTAL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a closed hearing to examine the fiscal year 2007 Intelligence community supplemental request, after receiving testimony from Patrick Kennedy, Deputy Director for Management, Mary Margaret Graham, Deputy Director for Collection, and Tom Fingar, Deputy Director for Analysis, all of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the posture of the United States Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Preston M. Geren, III, Acting Secretary, General Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff, Lieutenant General James J. Lovelace, Deputy Chief of Staff, and Lieutenant General Jack C. Stultz, Commanding General, United States Army Reserve Command, all of the United States Army; and Lieutenant Colonel Coll S. Haddon, Deputy Director, Operations Program Manager, Future Combat Systems, Brigade Combat Team.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Lieutenant General Robert L. Van Antwerp, USA, for reappointment to the grade of lieutenant general and to be Chief of Engineers/Commanding General, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Admiral Timothy J. Keating, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Pacific Command, Lieutenant General Victor E. Renuart, Jr., USAF, for appointment to be general and to be Commander, United States Northern Command/Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, and Lieutenant General Peter W. Chiarelli, USA, for appointment to be lieutenant general and Senior Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense.

2008: BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012.

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS BUDGET

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security, and Water Quality concluded a hearing to examine water resources needs and the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the Army Corps of Engineers, after receiving testimony from Senator Feingold; John Paul Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; Pamela Mayer Pogue, Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency, Cranston, on behalf of the Association of State Floodplain Managers, Inc.; James Williams, Nature Conservancy of Montana, Helena; and Doug J. Marchand, Georgia Ports Authority, Savannah, on behalf of the American Association of Port Authorities.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Nominations of Zalmay Khalilzad to be a Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be a Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative to the United Nations, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Lieberman and Hagel, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Gregory B. Cade, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the United States Fire Administration, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Warner, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported:

S. 624, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 657, to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 845, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of W. Craig Vanderwagen, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 261, to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, with an amendment;

S. 231, to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012;

S. 368, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program;

S. 627, to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to improve the health and well-being of maltreated infants and toddlers through the creation of a National Court Teams Resource Center, to assist local Court Teams;

S. 863, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraud in connection with major disaster or emergency funds;

S. Con. Res. 14, commemorating the 85th anniversary of the founding of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, a leading association for the 1,300,000 United States citizens of Greek ancestry and Philhellenes in the United States;

S.J. Res. 5, proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously;

S. Res. 95, designating March 25, 2007, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy";

S. Res. 96, expressing the sense of the Senate that Harriett Woods will be remembered as a pioneer in women's politics; and The nomination of John Wood, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri.

Also, committee began consideration of S. 236, to require reports to Congress on Federal agency use of data mining, and S. 376, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call of the Chair.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.